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—The Robert Dixon went up the river yesterday afternoon.

—A limited number of copies of to-day's paper can be had upon application.

—Mrs. Levi Leland suicided by inhaling ether, six miles east of Oregon city, last Sunday afternoon.

—Senator J. H. Slater arrived down on yesterday afternoon's boat. He is stopping at the Occident.

The regular quarterly examination for teachers certificates begins at the courthouse at nine o'clock this morning.

—Mrs. Wagner, of Deer creek, Josephine county, was accidentally shot and killed by her brother, last Monday afternoon.

—The body of an unknown man with his throat cut from ear to ear, was found floating in the river near Portland, last Wednesday.

The bark Mandalay which has been lying in the stream, fouled her anchor yesterday afternoon and went ashore below Trullinger's mill.

—Anyone who lost a boa at the circus last Wednesday night can have it by applying at this office between the hours of 10 A. M., and 2 P. M.

—The residents of Missouri and central Illinois experienced an earthquake last Wednesday, which shook nothing but their confidence in the stability of the underlying strata.

—I. N. Foster, who came in from Jewell yesterday afternoon, reports that the road is being pushed ahead as rapidly as possible in that section. Fish is running in large quantities, the river just below Fish-hawk falls affording excellent sport.

—A fine new piano arrived on the last steamer, for Ross Bros., the enterprising proprietors of the skating rink. It has a full, round tone and will no doubt be heard to good advantage this fall and winter. The rink will be opened about the tenth of next month.

—By Wednesday's steamer came a new organ for Astoria Engine Co. No. 1. Sometime ago the company concluded that an organ was needed to complete the furnishing of their parlors, and set aside a fund for that purpose. Upon the arrival of the instrument, and placing it in the rooms yesterday morning, Prof. Meyer, in company with a few gentlemen, examined and tested it, pronouncing it to be in every respect a fine instrument of remarkably smooth tone and good construction. It constitutes a handsome addition to the company rooms. At th enext regular meeting, which will be next Monday night, the members of the company will be given an opportunity of judging for themselves as to the value of the new acquirement.

THE DEDICATION

A Beautiful Ceremony.

From the earliest times it has been customary in the building of structures consecrated to the fulfillment of an idea that the incipient work thereon should be in a manner solemnized by appropriate and impressive ceremonial. No doubt the kingly builders of the pyramids with song and service laid the corner stone of those structures, and Seostris and Semiramis have, with latter monarches, left the records of their superintendence at many an ancient temple. And on through the centuries, whether Assyrian pile, or Carthaginian altar, or Roman temple, we have memorials of this universal custom. The Christian world perpetuates the idea and in all the pomp and pageant that fervor can inspire or earnestness suggest, the fanes of faith in every clime, the grand old cathedrals of Europe and the spire-crowned temples of our own land, we everywhere have record that the corner stones of those buildings were laid with solemn and impressive rites. And so it is, when, in our day goes up a building dedicated to special purpose, such as is embraced in the general principles that men of all creeds and countries find best exemplified in the precepts of the Divine Master as they fell from his lips amid Judean hills nearly nineteen centuries ago "Do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you."

When societies of great extent and considerable membership erect a building for their use and special benefit, they, in accordance with this custom, lay the corner stone of such building with due formality. An occasion of this kind took place in our city yesterday, when the officers and members of Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., laid the corner stone of their new temple on the southeast corner of Cass and Squemoqua streets. The afternoon was a glorious one; the cool breath of the Pacific tempered the warm air, and the brilliant sunlight streamed down upon the arches and columns that already stood in place above the designated spot. At 2:30 the procession reached the ground, and after a few introductory remarks by Past Grand Master I. W. Case, and a prayer by the Past Grand Chaplain, E. C. Holden, responded to by the members present, the following ode was sung:

Gather'd now, from far and near,
On this sacred spot we stand,
Bound by everlasting Truth,
Heart to heart, and hand to hand.
Lay we here this Corner-stone
Of a Temple yet to be,
In the spirit of that Love
That, our God, binds all to Thee.

May we build, as we have laid
Fair, and strong, and firm, and sure—
Stone on stone, and arch on arch—
Wildest storms 'twill then endure:
Like the Temple Friendship rears
In each faithful brother's heart,
Where the needy and the poor
Have a shelter and a part.

Mr. T. S. Jewett, the Grand Secretary of the Lodge, then read a list of the records and deposits, as follows:

1st, Sentiment by John A. Boyer, M. W. Grand Master.

"May peace be within the walls of this building, and the doctrines of Friendship, Love, and Truth, ever find a resting place here."

2d, An American copper cent, date, 1802, deposited by I. W. Case. 3d, an American quarter, date 1805, deposited by Irving Stevens. 4th, a Spanish quarter, date, 1807, deposited by I. W. Case. 5th, an American quarter, date, 1818, deposited by C. A. May. 6th, a Mexican half dollar, date, 1852, deposited by P. Johnson. 7th, an American half dollar (the sun's rays encircling the eagle,) date, 1853, deposited by C. J. Trenchard. 8th, copies of THE DAILY, and WEEKLY ASTORIAN, deposited by J. F. Halloran & Co. An American two cent piece dated 1864, deposited by Mrs. E. L. Smith. An English half crown, date 1818, C S Wright; Sentiment by I W Case:

"May strife discord bickering jealousy envy slander and their attendant evils be forever banished from without this building and may brotherly love friendship benevolence and charity rule supreme within its walls." A car ticket of Middlesex R. R. Co., deposited by C. S. Wright; an American three cent piece, 1865, deposited by I. W. Case; an English sixpence date 1871, the year in which Beaver Lodge was instituted, deposited by T. S. Jewett; a coffee ticket, good for one cup hot coffee, from Oriental Tea Co., deposited by C. S. Wright; an American half dollar, date, 1831, deposited by I. W. Case; history of Beaver lodge, No. 35, history of Ocean Encampment No. 13, history of O. L. & B. association, an American half dollar, date, 1821, deposited by E. A. Quinn; copy of Evening Telegram and Advertiser, dated Sept. 21, 1862, deposited by C. H. Bain; a copy of the first issue of the Tri-Weekly ASTORIAN, July, 1, 1873, deposited by Mrs. C. H. Bain; one dime, 1873, deposited by Wm. Uhlenhart; an American standard dollar, date 1882, deposited by J. Q. A. Bowlby; a five cent nickle, date 1868, deposited by J. W. Crow; one programme of exercises of the day, the odes sung on the occasion, a copy of the Oregon Spectator, date May 18, 1848, deposited by J. H. D. Gray; an English three penny piece, date 1815, deposited by G. McLean; one penny, 1872, and one half penny, 1867, deposited by Geo. McLean; Norwegian silver piece, date 1845, value 24 cents, deposited by Gilbert Christiansen; an American $3 gold piece, date 1855, deposited by A. G. Spexarth.

These having been placed in a stout box, made of copper, and securely fastened, were, with fitting comment, placed in the cavity under the stone. P. G. M. I. W. Case, then proceeded to the ceremony of laying the corner stone, using the impressive ritual of the order, and laying it in "Friendship," "Love," "Truth," "Benevolence," and "Charity," after which the stone was lowered by a derrick to its place, and cemented, the symbols being as above, together with "the cement of brotherly affection." Upon this, Grand Master J. H. D. Gray made proclamation that the stone had been laid in due and fitting manner. This was followed by a prayer, and the following ode:

O LORD, we praise Thee for Thy grace
And thank Thee for Thy love,
And pray the glory of Thy face
May shine down from above!

In FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, and TRUTH, we join,
A band of brothers here,
For work we pray Thou'lt make divine,
And bless through many a year.

This Corner-stone our weak hands lay,
A Temple here to build;
And may it rise complete we pray,
And with Thy light be filled.

[We pour Libations on this stone,
And may Thy dews descend!
These Flowers are strewn our love to own,
This Wheat for Truth we lend.]

May Friendship bright our Temple grace
And love its fountain be,
And Truth spring up, and crown the place
With honors all from Thee.

The oration was then delivered by Mr. E. C. Holden, after which the benediction was pronounced and the procession re-formed, moved to the Lodge rooms.

ORATION.

Most Worthy Grand Master Brother, Oddfellows, and Ladies and Gentlemen:

The object for which we are to-day assembled, has been fully explained in the interesting and impressive ceremony you have already witnessed. It has become a time honored custom to supplement that ritualistic service with an oration appropriate to the occasion, and I regret that some brother more capable of doing justice to the subject than myself has not been selected to perform so important a duty. The uncertainty as to the exact time when the superintendent of the building would be ready to summons the brethren to lay this corner stone, I offered you as an excuse for the committee who invited me to address you, and also as my apology for not peremptorily declining the invitation I say to address you, because I make no pretensions to oratory.

It is but a few years since it seemed absolutely necessary to every speaker who addressed the public on the subject of Odd Fellowship that he should enter into minute details as to the object of the order, how, when, and where it originated. At what period, under what circumstances and by whom it was introduced into the United States of America. My friends, that time has gone by never to return, the necessity no longer exists; for the little one has become a thousand, yea, the thousand a million. The grain of seed, imported from the soil of the mother country by good old Thomas Wildey in 1817, and planted by him, in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, on the 26th day of April, 1819, has become a mighty tree, under whose protecting branches many thousands of worthy distressed Odd Fellows, their wives, widows and orphans have since then, found a kindly shelter from the bitter blasts and storms incident to human life.

It is not my intention to occupy much of your time to-day. I could, if it were necessary, produce statistics to show you how many hundreds of thousands of Odd Fellows there are in this and other lands, all closely bound to each other by the inseparable links of Friendship, Love, and Truth. And of the millions of dollars which they annually disburse in practically exemplifying the principles of Odd Fellowship which teaches them to relieve the sick, bury the dead, educate the orphan, and protect the widow. I shall content myself, however, with reading a summary report of what Beaver Lodge of this city has done in that direction since its organization.

Beaver Lodge was instituted by M. W. G. M., E. L. Bristow, Dec., 22, 1871. The first officers duly elected and installed were Bros. C. S. Wright, N. G.; G. Reed, V. G.; I. W. Case, Sec., and L. H. Hubbard, Treas. Bros. G. Reed, Charles Binder and I. W. Case were elected trustees. Since its organization, 25 members have joined by card from other lodges, 8 as ancient Odd Fellows, and 144 by initiation, making a total, with the 5 charter members added, of 182. Of this number, 25 have withdrawn by card or otherwise, and 7 have died, leaving present membership 150. Its receipts from all sources have been $20,878, and it has paid out for relief of worthy distressed brothers, funeral expenses, etc., $7,138. Such is the official record of Beaver Lodge No. 35, of Astoria, of whose energy, enterprise, earnest devotion to the principles of Odd Fellowship, and fidelity to the vows they have made, we are constituted living witnesses this day, as we gaze upon the foundation walls of this temple in course of construction by them, and the corner stone of which we have seen laid and solemnly dedicated to the purpose of Benevolence and Charity.

My friends, the problem which has foolishly puzzled so many, of why sin, misery and death was ever permitted to enter this fair world of ours, will never be satisfactorily solved till we reach the other shore.

We know by bitter experience that the Great Architect of the universe has permitted it and it is not for mortal man to say to his Maker "What dost Thou?" We know the evil days in which we shall have no pleasure will come. The day when the keepers of the house shall tremble and the strong men bow themselves. When the silver cord shall be loosed; the golden bowl be broken; the pitcher be broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit to God who gave it.

Knowing then that we are all mortal and cannot escape the inevitable, ought we not to feel grateful and thank God that the heart of man, touched with a feeling of sympathy for others' woes, is promted to organize such an association for mutual relief as is here represented to-day. What heart can fail to rejoice and be glad at any and every manifestation evincing the growth and prosperity of such an institution, and such a lodge. Beaver Lodge has done her part nobly and well. More than $7,100—and every dollar judiciously expended—has been cheerfully and unostentatiously paid out for the relief of worthy sick or distressed brothers, to bury the dead, or for some other equally benevolent purpose. If one lodge can do so much, can any of you conceive of the amount of good accomplished and suffering alleviated by 7,000 organized lodges now in existence under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of Ind. Ord. of O. F. scattered throughout the United States, the German Empire, Australia, New Zealand and the Sandwich Islands. According to the various Grand Lodge reports, compiled by our late lamented veteran Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, from the year 1839 to 1880, the number of members relieved was nearly one million; widowed families relieved, 125,000; members buried, 80,225; whole

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